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Gaithersburg Mayor and City Council and
Gaithersburg Planning Commission
Gaithersburg City Hall
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Re: The Humane Society of the United States; Zoning Map Amendment Application Z-3136-2013

Dear Mayor and City Council and Members of the Planning Commission:

On behalf of our client, The Humane Society of the United States ("HSUS"), the applicant for Zoning Map Amendment Application Z-3136-2013 ("Application"), we hereby request that the Planning Commission's record on the Application, which closed September 16, 2013 at 5:00 pm, be reopened, and that the Mayor and Council's record, currently scheduled to close on September 30th, remain open to allow HSUS time to submit additional materials. In coordination with staff, we would suggest that the Planning Commission's record be rescheduled to close at 5 p.m. on October 25, 2013, and the Mayor and Council's at 5 p.m. on November 27, 2013.

During the Joint Public Hearing on the Application, held on August 19, 2013, a few issues were raised that we believe require further analysis, including the relationship of development on the site to the construction of the Watkins Mill interchange, the placement of buildings and uses on the site, and traffic generation, circulation, and capacity. Additionally, we understand that the City will hold a worksession on October 14, 2013 to consider the Frederick Avenue Corridor Capacity Study, which may provide significant information applicable to the proposed sketch plans and options for the HSUS property, which is located proximate to Frederick Avenue. The requested extension of records will therefore allow HSUS sufficient time to prepare and submit appropriate responses to the issues raised at the Public Hearing and to review and incorporate any relevant information gained from the Frederick Avenue Corridor Capacity Study.

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

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